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SUBJ: AGREEMENT FOR UM SIM

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT (EMBASSY TRANSLATION) OF A LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF UM SIM AS AMBASSADOR OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED STATE.

2. BEGIN TRANSLATION: PHNOM PENH, 24 APRUL 1973

EXCELLENCY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC PROPOSES TO NAME MR. UM SIM, WHOSE CURRICULUM VITAE IS ATTACHED, AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN WITH PERMANENT RESIDENCE AT WASHINGTON; HE REPLACES MR. SONN VOEUNSAI.

I WOULD BE OBLIGED IF YOU WOULD SUBMIT THE CANDIDACY OF MR. UM SIM FOR THE HIGH AGREEMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA.

IN CASE THE CANDIDACY OF MR. UM SIM RECEIVES AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC PROPOSES TO PUBLISH SIMULTANEOUSLY AT PHNOM PENH AND AT WASHINGTON THE TEXT OF THE ATTACHED PRESS RELEASE ON A DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED.

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS, PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION.

/ S/ LONG BORET, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
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KHMER REPUBLIC END TRANSLATION.

3. TEXT OF THE PRESS COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED PARA 2
(EMBASSY TRANSLATION): BEGIN TRANSLATION: HIS
EXCELLENCY MR. UM SIM IS NAMED AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA WITH PERMANENT RESIDENCE AT WASHINGTON.
HE REPLACES HIS EXCELLENCY MR. SONN VOEUNSAI.
THIS NOMINATION HAS RECEIVED THE HIGH AGREEMENT OF
HIS EXCELLENCY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICAN. END TRANSLATION

4. CURRICULUM VITAE AS RECEIVED. BEGIN TEXT:
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: MAY 29, 1932, CHIHE, KOMPONG
CHAM, KHMER REPUBLIC.
EDUCATION & DEGREES OBTAINED:
- BACCALAUREAT 2 EME PARTIE, 1956, PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA
- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, 1959,
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, ILL., USA
- MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, 1962,
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, ILL., USA
ACADEMIC HONOR:
- MEMBER OF SIGMA TAU, THETA CHAPTER, 1958.
FAMILY DATA:
- MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN.
PROFESSIONAL DATA:
- ACCELERATOR ENGINEER, IN CHARGE OF THE 25 MEV
BETATRON, PHYSICS RESEARCH LABORATORY, UNIVERSITY
OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, ILL., USA, 1960-62
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEER, MINISTRY OF POST &
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, 1962-65
- TECHNICAL INSPECTOR, MINISTRY OF POST & TELECOMMUNI-
CATIONS, PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, 19 65- 67
- HEAD OF ELCTRONICS DEPARTMENT, ROYAL TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY, PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, 1965-70
- DIRECTEUR DE BUREAUX , MINISTRY OF POST & TELECOMMUNI-
CATIONS, PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, 1967
- GENERAL DIRECTOR OF POST & TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
MINISTRY OF POST & TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PHNOM PENH,
CAMBODIA, 1967-70
- MINISTER OF POST & TELECOMMUNICATIONS, 1970-1971
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- GENERAL INSPECTOR, MINISTRY OF POST & TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
1971
- MEMBER OF KHMER DELEGATION TO THE 25 TH SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1970
- CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SEVENTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS'
UNION, 1971

- ROVING AMBASSADOR TO SOME COUNTRIES IN SOUTH- EAST ASIA,
NOVEMBER- DECEMBER 1971
- CABINET DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE
APRIL 1972
- MEMBER OF KHMER DELEGATION TO THE 27 TH SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1972
- ROVING AMBASSADOR TO SOME COUNTRIES IN AFRICA,
OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 1972
- MEMBER OF KHMER DELEGATION LED BY THE MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON A GOODWILL TOUR OF AFRICA
AND THE MIDDLE- EAST, FEBRUARY- MARCH 1973
- FIST DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SOCIAL REPUBLICAN
PARTY SINCE 1972
CREATIVE WORK:
- DESIGN OF A TELEPRINTER FOR KHMER AND LATIN CHARACTERS
IN COLLABORATION WITH NTT ENGINEERS, 19 65.
END TEXT.

5. COMMENT: AS I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY (PHNOM PENH 3492),
UM SIM IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE: HE IS A RANKING MEMBER
OF THE DOMINANT SOCIO- REPUBLICAN CLAN, WAS EDUCATED IN
THE U. S. AND SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, IS YOUNG, AGRESSIVE
FOR A KHMER, AND HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN POLITICS.

6. RECOMMEND PROMPT ACTION SINCE IT WOULD BE VERY
USEFUL IF SIM WERE IN PLACE ROUGHLY AT THE TIME OF
BGEN LON NON' S VISIT.
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